

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

DEC 08 7998

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-00817

COUNSEL: None

HEARING DESIRED: No

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His Certificate of Release or Discharge, DD Form 214, be amended, to reflect award of the Air Force Good Conduct Medal (AFGCM).

Examiner's Note:

In his application, the applicant requested his DD Form 214 be amended to reflect the award of the Airman's Medal (AmnM), Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA), and AFGCM. A DD Form 215 has been issued by AFPC amending the DD Form 214 to reflect the AmnM. The applicant's current DD Form 214 reflects award of the AFOUA.

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

The reasons the applicant believes the records to be in error or unjust and the evidence submitted in support of the appeal are at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The relevant facts pertaining to this application, extracted from the applicant's military records, are contained in the letter prepared by the appropriate office of the Air Force. Accordingly, there is no need to recite these facts in this Record of Proceedings.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The Recognition Programs Branch, AFPC/DPPRA, reviewed this application and states that award of the AFGCM requires three years of exemplary service; however, he served less than three years and is not eligible for the AFGCM. Therefore, they recommend denial of his request for the AFGCM.

A complete copy of the Air Force evaluation is attached at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The applicant reviewed the Air Force evaluation and provided a response which is attached at Exhibit E.

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted **all** remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
2. The application was not timely filed; however, it is in the interest of justice to excuse the failure to timely file.
3. Sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. The Board is cognizant of the fact that award of the AFGCM requires three years of exemplary service and the applicant completed less than the required three years. However, given the fact the applicant was discharged for hardship reasons only 3 months prior to being eligible for the AFGCM, and considering that he entered the Air Force under the delayed enlistment program and had 7 months and 2 days of prior inactive service, we believe it would be unjust to deny his request. Therefore, we recommend his records be corrected to the extent indicated below.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT, be corrected to show that at the time of his separation from the Air Force on 13 June 1980, he was awarded the Air Force Good Conduct Medal as an exception to policy.

The following members of the Board considered this application in Executive Session on 19 August 1998, under the provisions of AFI 36-2602:

- Mr. Thomas S. Markiewicz, Panel Chair
- Mr. Walter J. Hosey, Member
- Mr. Henry Romo, Jr., Member
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All members voted to correct the records, as recommended. The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 16 Mar 98, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPPPRA, dated 3 Apr 98, w/atchs.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MIBR, dated 27 Apr 98.
- Exhibit E. Letter, Applicant, dated 28 Apr 98.


THOMAS S. MARKIEWICZ
Panel Chair



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary

AFBCMR 98-00817

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Having received and considered the recommendation of the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records and under the authority of Section 1552, Title 10, United States Code (70A Stat 116), it is directed that:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to [REDACTED] be corrected to show that at the time of his separation from the Air Force on 13 June 1980, he was awarded the Air Force Good Conduct Medal as an exception to policy.


JOE G. LINEBERGER
Director
Air Force Review Boards Agency